



# Line up of bands European Brass Band Championships 2024, Palanga

The European Brass Band Association is pleased to announce the line-up of bands for the 45<sup>th</sup> European Brass Band Championships in association with World of Brass.

A total of 23 bands will take part in this year championships, which for the first time is arranged in Lithuania.

In the Championship section we find 12 bands.

Defending champions Brass Band Treize Étoiles will be joined by Brassband Bürgermusik Luzern from Switzerland. Brighouse and Rastrick band will represent England, and from Wales Tredegar Band will take the stage in Palanga Concert Hall. The Scandinavian countries will be represented with Göta Brass Band from Sweden, Concord Brass Band from Denmark, and Eikanger-Bjørsvik Musikklag from Norway.

Given a line-up that also includes Brass Band Oberösterreich, 3BA Concert Band, Hauts-de-France Brass Band, Brass Band Schoonhoven and Brass Band Willebroek it promises to be an exciting, high quality championship section.

This year we find three bands in the Challenge section. Brass Band Wipptal from Italy, 1<sup>st</sup> Old Boys Silver Band from Northern Ireland and Brass LT have all participated in previous championships.

Since it was established ten years ago in 2014 at Perth, Scotland, the European Youth Brass Band Contest is an established part of the European Brass Band Championships. This year's edition will have the total of 8 bands.

Defending champion in the Development Section, Smørås Skolemusikk (Norway), will be joined by Ytrebygda Skolekorps (Norway) and they will compete against Brass Band Aukštyn (Lithuania) and Youth Brass 2000 (England).

In the Premier section we find two universities bands: From Italy, Brass Band del Conservatorio di Musica 'N. Piccinni' BARI and from England The University of Chichester Brass Band. These will be joined by Brass Band Sklepučini from Lithuania and Seindorf Ieuenctid Beaumaris from Wales.

This means that our Lithuanian host will have three participating bands in the championships.

EBBA President, Ulf Rosenberg comments: "We are extremely proud to bring EBBC for the first time to Lithuania, and with the strong support from bands in Europe this promises to be a highly attractive competition in the beautiful city of Palanga."

# **EBBC Championship Section**

Corsin Tuor 3BA Concert Band Brass Band Oberösterreich Günther Reisegger Erik Janssen Brass Band Schoonhoven Brass Band Treize Étoiles Frédéric Théodoloz Brassband Bürgermusik Luzern Michael Bach **Brassband Willebroek** Frans Violet Brighouse and Rastrick Band Professor David King Concord Brass Band Jesper Juul Windahl Eikanger-Bjørsvik Musikklag Florent Didier Göta Brass Band Michael Thomsen Hauts-de-France Brass Band Luc Vertommen Tredegar Band Ian Porthouse

#### **EBBC Challenge Section**

1st Old Boys Silver Band Dr Jonathan Corry Northern Ireland **Brass Band Wipptal** Patrick Gruber Italy Brass LT Lithuania Russell Gray

Germany

Switzerland

Switzerland

Belgium

England

Denmark

Norway

Sweden

France

Wales

Italia

The Netherlands

Austria

## **EYBBC Development Section**

Brass Band Aukštyn Remigijus Vilys and Piet Visser Lithuania Smørås Skolemusikk Magnus Brandseth Norway Youth Brass 2000 Chris Jeans **England** Thor-Arne Pedersen Ytrebygda skolekorps Norway

## **EYBBC Premier Section**

**Brass Band** 

Brass Band del Conservatorio

Legrottaglie Antonio di Musica 'N. Piccinni' BARI Brass Band Sklepučini Vilmantas Vapsva Lithuania Seindorf leuenctid Beaumaris Peter Cowlishaw Wales The University of Chichester Emma Button England